

**Governor's P-20 Council
Data, Assessment and Graduation Committee
Thursday, January 25, 2007, 10:30 a.m.
Meeting Notes**

P-20 Council Members Present: Dr. Sybil Francis, Dr. Jim Zaharis, Dr. Karen Butterfield for Tom Horne, and Dr. David Curd.
Others: Stacey Stanton, ADOT MVD; and Benah Parker, Center for the Future of Arizona.
Staff: Debra Raeder, Lauren Kielsmeier, and Erin Hart.

1. Call to Order & Welcome

Dr. Sybil Francis called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

2. Review and Discussion: Raising the Compulsory School Attendance Age – Enforcement

Stacey Stanton, Director of the Motor Vehicle Division, presented data related to teenage drivers and models that other states have used to tie school attendance with driver's licenses. After reviewing the information presented, the general consensus was that the Committee should look for more positive tools to enforce the compulsory attendance age.

Benah Parker from the Center for the Future of Arizona presented information regarding the enforcement of the current compulsory attendance age of 16, including diversion for the first two offenses and court referrals for repeat offenses. The Committee members requested additional information and discussed the importance of youth development programs that have the potential to keep youth engaged in school.

3. Review and Discussion: Graduation Goal

a. Update from the Center for the Future of Arizona

Dr. Francis said that the Center for the Future of Arizona was pleased that their graduation rate goal is included in the P-20 Council recommendations. She further clarified that the goal is to raise the graduation rate by 12 percentage points by 2012.

4. Review and Discussion: personalized graduation plans

a. Update on ADE legislation

The Committee had very positive comments regarding Supt. Horne moving legislation for the individual graduation plans, since that was one of their recommendations. They asked to be kept apprised of the progress of the legislation. Supt. Horne is also apparently moving legislation on teacher identifier numbers, which is another recommendation of the Committee. Dr. Karen Butterfield reinforced again that Supt. Horne is strongly opposed to raising math requirements without an opt out provision, as well as raising the compulsory attendance age.

b. Other states best practices (Kentucky)

The committee discussed that a trip to Kentucky may not be essential, since the personalized graduation plans are moving forward through legislation.

c. Other

The Committee members engaged in a short discussion on the articulation of courses between public and private colleges/universities.

5. Next Steps

The Committee requested that meetings be moved around to various schools to provide an opportunity for committee members to see different education models being implemented in Arizona.

6. Call to the Public

A call was made to the public with no response.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.